

A True Testimony From the People of God: (Who by the world are called Quakers) of the Doctrines of the Prophets, Christ, and the Apostles, which is witnessed unto, by them who are now raised up by the same Power, and quickned by the same Spirit and Blood of the Everlasting Covenant, which brought again our Lord Jesus from the dead

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## The Epistle to the Reader

FRIEND,

Being that the day of the Lord is come, and he arisen in his Eternal Light, and is arising in the Consciences of Men, the place where his Throne and Scepter must Rule the Nations; and being that he is King, and Lord and Lawgiver to those who are under his Governments, and is the Supreme Head and Judge in the consciences: Now this being arisen and manifested in this day of the Lord's Power, in the which he will make all his People willing and Subject to him; and being that this hath been long obscured and covered with the thick vail of darknesse and Cloud of Apostacy that hath been over the face of the Earth, and indeed over the hearts of men, and the onely cause and reason of this, hath been the Cup of Abomination and Fornication the Nations have drunk in the worship of the Beast, upon which the Whore sits, which John saw (when he stood upon the Sand of the Sea) rise up out of the Sea, which all the world wondered after; insomuch, that Mystery Babylon the Great made all nations drunk with the Cup of her Fornication: And now the day is come, that Babylon is come up in remembrance with the Lord, and the Day of her Judgements is come, and the Vials are pouring upon the Seat and Head of the Beast; and the darkness is expelling, and the Light is arising out of obscurity, and shining secretly in the hearts of People, where Gods appeareance and Manifestation is, where he writes his Law, and puts his Spirit in the inward parts, which is the new Covenant which he hath made with the House of Israel, and with the House of Judah, and which is also a Light to the Gentiles, by which they can do the things contained in the Law, having the substance of the Law, which is Light, written in their Hearts, their Consciences also bearing them witness of the Justice and Righteousness of the Law, when God comes to judge the secrets of their hearts by Jesus Christ, who is the end of the Law for Righteousness, and who is the Light that is given to be the salvation to the ends of the Earth.

And now all people that comes to be guided by this Law, which is Light, they by so doing comes into Gods Covenant and Promise; and coming into this Light, and Covenant, and Spirit which God puts in the inward parts, here all people meet together, Jews and Gentiles, Barbarian, Scithian, Bond and Free in the Unity of the Spirit which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, in which they come to be all one in Christ; & if they be Christ's, then are they Abraham's Seed, & Heirs according to promise:Gal.3.29.This is the great Mystery that hath bin hid from Ages and Generations past, by reason of the gross Darkness that hath covered men; and the great cause and reason of all this, hath been because the worship that hath been set up in the Nations, hath had its Foundation in the Darkness, & the very root & ground of it hath been Darkness it self, and the Teachers and Ministers thereof, have been Ministers of Darkness, and have not turned people from darkness to the Light, but on the contrary have drawn them from the Light and Spirit of God within them, unto their Inventions, Imaginations, Meanings, and Expositions of the Scriptures without them, and so have been building Babel in the many Languages, which God is coming to confound; and it may be they have read a Chapter, and then turn and pervert it, and mix with it their own dark imaginations of their evil hearts; and again read a verse of a Chapter, and make an hours Discourse of what they had intended and hatched up in their minds (it may be) a week before. And thus they have fed poor people with Chaff and Husks; but the Lord is arisen in his mighty tower, with his Fan in his hand, and he is separation the Chaff from the wheat, and is gathering the Wheat into his Garner, and will burn-up the Chaff with unquenchable fire. And now Reader, in soberness and singleness of thy heart, read this following Treatise without an evil eye, and a prejudiced mind; and let the Truth of God have place in thy heart, and let the light of Christ in thy Conscience seriously judge and weigh the things therein contained, and (according to the

Scriptures) prove all things, and hold fast that which is good; and look not at Men, nor at the Times as they stand in relation to men, for in [s]o doing, the god of the world will blind the eye; but look at the Lord and at his Truth; and eye his dealing and dispensation of his will according to his wisdom, and let him be thy fear, and let him be thy dread, and slight not thy Day of Visitation of his love; For truly the Lord whom we seek, will suddenly come to his Temple, and who may abide the day of his coming? Who will sift as a Refiners fire, and will be as Fullers Soap. Certainly he will plead with all flesh by Sword and by Fire, and bring into the Valley of Jehosaphat, and all flesh will be as grass, and the glory thereof as the Flower of the Field, when the spirit of the Lord blows upon it, because all People are Grass. It is not flesh and blood that can enter into the Kingdom of God, which he is now restoring unto Israel; it is that, that will pass the fire of his jealousie, and come through clear and pure, that will be accepted of in this his day; People have long made him serve with their sins, and wearyed him with their Iniquity, and their worships and Services have been an abomination unto him; and the fear that hath been taught towards him, hath been by the precepts of men, and flesh and blood hath performed the Worship that should have been to him, and therefore hath there been not entrance into the Kingdom of God, but all have been kept back, and out of the holy City, though the Gates have stood open by Day, yet no unclean could enter, nor nothing that wrought abomination, or made a lye, for that is in the Night of darkness, and is out of the Day where the Gates of the holy City stands open. And so now (Reader) these things being set before thee in love unto thee and to all people; slight them not, nor look not lightly over them; for if thou seriously consider and with them with that of God in thy Conscience, thou wilt finde them truth, and according to the Scriptures of Truth: therefore search and examine the following Treatise by the Scriptures and the Spirit of Truth, and thou wilt find that in they own bosom which will answer to the Truth of what is here written. So to the Lord I commit thee, and to his witness in thee which will answer for his Truth. M. F.

To all the professed Teachers in the whole world, who go under the Name of Christians, and make a profession of Christ, who was offered up at Jerusalem, which the Scriptures declares of, whether they be Jesuits, Bishops, Priests, Protestants, Presbyters, Independents, Anabaptists, and to all sorts of Sects and Sectaries whatsoever; This unto you all, to prove, or disprove the Doctrine of the **QUAKERS**, which is the same with Christ, the Apostles, and Prophets; which doth prove your Doctrine to be false, and out of the Doctrine of Christ.

Your testimony which ye do bear of the coming of Christ (who are called Christians by Name) is onely the Letter of the Scriptures, because that there are Records left of Christs words which he spoke in the Mount, and which he spoke at Jerusalem, and at Samaria, and which he preached among the multitude, and the many Miracles that he wrought, and what he spoke to the Souldiers when he was apprehended, and what he spoke before the High Priest and Pontius Pilate, and what he spoke when he was upon the Cross. The Disciples having written of his Preaching, and of his Miracles that he wrought, and of his Sufferings, those Writings are your Testimony of Christ. And again, the Apostles after they had received the holy Ghost, and Power from above, when Christ was offered up and ascended, the Apostles having received his Eternal Spirit, and they going on in the work of God, converted thousand to the Faith, and did great and wonderful Works and Miracles by the Spirit of Christ which they had received, and they travelled up and down in several parts of the World, and turned People from Darkness to the Light, and from the power of Satan unto God' and there was a Record of their Words, Service, and Actions, which are called, The Acts of the Apostles, which do testifie of several remarkable Words, Actions, and Conversions, that were wrought by them through the Eternal Spirit. And after they had gathered several Churches and People into the unity of the Eternal Light and Spirit of God, and had begotten many into the faith, which could bear witness in the Spirit of God of the Eternal Truth which they had received through the Doctrine of the Spirit.

Now the Apostles when they were separated, and at a distance from those Churches, they wrote several Epistles to the Saints, that were gathered and sanctified in Christ Jesus, and made partakers of the precious Faith, & such as were called to be Saints; the Apostles wrote not their Epistles to the worlds nor to such as were not gathered by them, neither Jews nor Gentiles, but to the Churches of Christ, sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be Saints, of what sort or denomination soever they were, or went under, whether Corinthians, Ephesians, Romans, Galatians, &c.

Now the Apostacy and Darkness coming over, and the false Apostles getting up, being erred and gone from the Spirit, and turned aside from the life and power, of the purity and innocency that the Apostles were in, and turning out of the Light of the glorious Gospel which was in them, the darkness came over them, and the Antichristian Spirit entred in amongst them; for the Apostle John saw in his time, that the Antichrist was come and entred into the World, whereby he said, He knew it was the last time, & that there were many Antichrists already; & he knew it was the time that Christ had prophesied of, That false Prophets should come in sheeps clothing, but inwardly were ravening Wolves, ravened and erred from the Spirit of Truth, which was in the true Apostles, and so did deceive many, that even darkness covered the face of the Earth and all was lost, and the Beast rose out of the Sea, and out of the Earth, and all the world wondred after them, and fell down, and worshipped the Beast, and Antichrist, and his Power, and so all nations were made drunk with his Cup of Fornication and Abomination; Yet this was not unseen nor undiscover'd before it came; For Christ prophesied of it, that false Christs and Antichrists would come in the later dayes, Wolves in sheepes clothing would come, and by their fruits you should know them,

Mat.7.15. And the Apostle Paul he knew that grievous Wolves would enter in amongst them after his departure, that would not spare the flock, Acts 20.29. And Peter he was sensible of false Prophets that was amongst the People, & did also foretell of false Teachers that should privily bring in damnable Heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them; and he also saw, that many would follow their pernicious ways, and that through Covetousness they with feigned words would make Merchandise of People; and Timothy saw that in the last Dayes perilous Times should come, that men should bee lovers of themselves, having a form of godliness, but denying the power; from such turn away, faith the Apostle; for of there sort are they which creep into houses (calling them Churches) and leads captive silly women, laden with sin, and led away with diverse lusts; ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the Truth: Men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. And again, the same Apostle saith, That the time would come, when the people would not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts would heap to themselves Teachers, having itching ears, & they would turn away their ears from the Truth, & should be turned unto Fables. Now all these seeing that this Apostacy would come, This is a certain testimony that it was to come, and is come, and hath over-spread the face of the earth since the Apostles daies, as hath been clearly manifested by the many heads and Horns of the Beast, and of the Dragon, and the many Religions and Sects that have started up since the daies of the Apostles; and as one got up, another was pull'd down; And now the blind people that have been nursed up in blindness, and darkness, and ignorance, under this cloud of Apostacy; Now when that the Truth is manifested, and risen through this Darkness and Apostacy, and they seeing that the Scripture speaks of false Prophets, they say, the false Prophets are but com'd now; and they call the Spirit of Truth the false Prophet, because it bears testimony against the false worships in the World. But I would ask such people, which of these Sects, or Heads, or Horns that have been up since the daies of the Apostles, which of them they look upon to be the true Prophets? Whether it is the Pope, Luther, or Calvin? or which other of the old Fathers (so called) or Bishops and Presbyters, Independents or Anabaptists? for all these have been, and have had their Time in this apostacy, and have gotten the Writings of the Prophets, Christ, and the Apostles, and so have all had the Form of godliness, but denied the Power of godliness, according to the prophene of the Apostle Peter, who said, There were false Prophets among the people, even as there should be false Teachers among them, which should bring in damnable Heresies, and that they should received the reward of unrighteousness, who have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam, who loved the wages of unrighteousness, which the Apostle Jude said, Whose mouths must be stopt, who subvert whole Houses, teaching things they ought not for filthy lucre sake; who serves not the Lord Jesus Christ, but their own bellyes, and counts gain godliness. Now let all people search and read who these are, and whether these be the true prophets, or the false? And whether these have not been, and yet are, in the time of Apostacy? for all Christendom (as its called) have had the Scriptures, and professed Christ for the Declaration thereof, and not from the Spirit of Truth in themselves, but because they have heard that there was such a Man which dyed at Jerusalem, and that there were such men after him as the Apostles were; and they having their words and writings upon record, do make these a sufficient Testimony for them of their knowledge and worship of God, and so preach & teach, and takes Texts out of these words, and adds thereunto their own Inventions, and so feeds poor ignorant people with these; and here hath been the Worship that hath been upon the face of the Earth all the time of the dark night of Apostacy since the Apostles dayes. Now let any honest reasonable heart judge whether this can be a sure ground and true testimony for people, to trust their souls under such for teaching? for it was not Christ nor the Apostles practice to take others Records & Writings that had been spoken from

others; but they spoke as the spirit gave them utterance, and as the holy Ghost taught them, not with wisdom of words, but in the demonstration of the spirit and of power. Yet they will bring a Scripture, and say Christ took a Text when he spake of Esaiah's Prophesie, where he said The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, & he hath annointed me to preach, and to open the blind eyes, and to preach liberty to the Captives; and when he had read these words, he closed the Book, and said, This day this Scripture is fulfilled in your ears, for it was he that the Prophet spoke of, who is the Anointing, and the Anointed, to preach glad tydings to the poor, and liberty to the captive, and to the opening of the blind eyes; but these blind Leaders leads the blind, but doth not open their eyes, though they can make the Scripture a covering for their false Worship; for let any one prove and try the Teachers themselves, and they are as blind, and as ignorant of their own souls, and as far from having a true testimony of assurance of their own salvation, as those they speak to, or pretend to teach: Now let people consider this, and seriously lay it to heart, and beware how they trust their souls under such Teachers and teaching, who have no other, nor better testimony then Records without them, which were given forth from the spirit of God in others; which spirit is Eternal and Infallible, which these Teachers of the World cannot in truth confess, but must (if they confess truth) utterly deny that they have any such spirit, as many of them have done already. How can these be true Teachers of people in the way of truth, which have not the spirit of truth? for if it be not all infallible spirit, it is a lying spirit, and not the spirit of Truth. Now let people seriously consider what they venture their souls upon; for it is not a deceitful lying spirit that will feed the soul, it's the spirit of life and truth that nourisheth the soul, and leads into all truth. Now here is the chief difference betwixt them and us, They have the words and declaration of Christ and the Apostles, declared from the spirit of life; and we have the spirit which these words words were declared from, not another, but the same eternal Spirit which they had, do we witness, and bear our Testimony of, the same Christ (and not of another) which witnessed a good confession before Pontius Pilate, and was crucified upon the cross at Jerusalem; This Christ which all the Christians in Christendom profess in words, do we bear testimony of in the spirit of life and power, according to the Scriptures. Obj. But it may be objected and said, How came you to this Spirit, seeing that you say, that darkness and Apostacy hath been over the face of the Earth since the dayes of the Apostles, and that all Worships and Professions have been but from the Letter of the Scriptures without them, this is but an upstart Religion, how is it that you are attained to this that none are attained to in so many hundred years before? And are you wiser then all our fore-fathers? What is become of all that is gone before?

Ans. This Objection is against the unlimited Spirit & Power of the living God, which did foresee the Apostacy before it came; & Christ and the Apostles did prophesie of it; for the same Objection might be against the Lord when he said unto Pharaoh, I even for the same purpose have raise thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my power might be declared throughout all the Earth; therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, why doth he yet find fault, who hath resisted his will? Nay, but oh man! Who art thou that replies against God? Shall the thing formed, say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? What if God (willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known) endured with much long suffering, the Vessels of Wrath, fitted to destruction, and that he might make known the Riches of his glory on the Vessels of Mercy which he had before prepared unto glory; and this is the very case; The spirit of the Lord cannot be limited, but limits all according to the good pleasure of his will, that he may make his power known. But furthermore, as to our particular, we answer, We received not this spirit of Man, nor by Man, but by the immediate power and revelation of Jesus Christ, according to the work and operation of it in us; As

the Apostle said, For when it pleased the Lord to reveal his Son in the Apostle, he consulted not with flesh and blood, but went on in obedience unto the Lord: And so the same spirit that revealed the Son in the Apostle, revealed him in us; for we neither received it of man, neither were we caught it by man, but by the Revelation of Jesus Christ; for no man could teach it us, but who had the Revelation of Jesus Christ, according as the Apostle said to the Romans, If the spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortal bodies, because that his spirit dwelleth in you, Rom.8.II. And again, Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? I Cor.3. Now though these Scriptures bear testimony to the truth of this, yet these Scriptures are not our testimony only, for we have our testimony in the same spirit as was in them that spoke forth the Scriptures; and these Scriptures bears testimony with us, and we to them, and so are in unity with the same Spirit which gave them forth.

And this is the Hope that we are to give an account of to every one that asketh with meekness & fear; for god hath made known unto us the Riches of the glory of this Mystery amongst the Gentiles, which was Christ in them (and now in us) the hope of glory; and this is the same Christ which was offered up at Jerusalem once for all, through the Eternal spirit, and this is the HOPE which purifies even as he is pure; which HOPE maketh not ashamed, but anchors the Soul upon the rock CHRIST JESUS; and the Apostles who had the Eternal spirit, are our forefathers: And this is not an upstart Religion which we are of, but a pure Religion, and undefiled before God, which keeps every one that keeps in it, unspotted of the world; Yet this hath been hid from ages and generations past, but now is revealed unto us by the spirits which spirit people have erred from in the time of Apostacy, and from this they do erre at this very day, and such counts the spirit within Heresie, and goes to Scriptures without them, and traditions of men, and teach those for Doctrine; and here is the Reason wherefore this Spirit and Revelation hath been hid so many hundred years, even because people have been erred from the spirit of God in them, through which the Revelation is manifested, and they have been erred in their hearts; therefore the way of God hath not been known.

Christ said to the Woman of Samaria when he was on the Mountain where Jacobs Well was, where the Jews used to worship, he said, They worshipped they knew not what; and he also said, that the time was coming that they should not worship at Jerusalem, (which was a place commanded of god for the Jews to worship in) nor in this Mountain; and he further testified, That God was a spirit, and [they] that worshipped him, must worship him in spirit and in truth, saying, The Father was seeking such to worship him, for they only are the true Worshippers of God. Now I do ask all the Teachers and Professors in Christendom, Where this spirit is, that God is to be worshipped in, if it be not in man? And how it is, or can be attained to, any otherwise than by the light of Christ Jesus with which he hath lighted every man that cometh into the world, in whom is life, and this life is the light of men? And where this worship of God in the spirit is performed, if it be not in man? And Where Gods Throne is, (where the ancient of dayes doth sit) if it be not in man? And where the Scepter of Christ is swayed, which is a righteous Scepter, if it be not in Man? And where the King is that shall reign & prosper, whose Name shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness? And how and where must people come to worship god in the spirit, which denies the Light of Christ to be their Leader and Teacher, and say it is natural? and some say every one hath it not; and other say, It is not sufficient, and so they are all upon heaps, and in confusion, who believe not in the Light which Christ Jesus hath enlightened them withall, who is the Light of every

man; so denying the Light, and being erred from it, are in darkness until now, and stumbles, and knows not whether they go.

Christ saith, I am the light of the world, he that followeth me, shall now walk in Darkness, but shall have the Light of life: And again saith he, While ye have the Light, believe in the Light, that you may be the children of the Light: I am come a Light into the world, that whosoever believeth in me, shall not abide in darkness. Now I do ask any of the Teachers of the World, how any comes to see Christ any otherwise then by the light of the body, which he saith is the eye? seeing that he said to the Jews who talked with him, and he with them, They had not heard his voice, nor seen his shape; for he whom God hath sent, they believed not.

This may be the condition of the Priests of the World, and Teachers of the Letter, and they ought to own it, That they have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape; for how should they, when they deny the light of Christ that is in them to be their Guide and Teacher, which Christ hath lighted them withall, which is the Key of David, which opens and none shuts, and shuts and none opens? And he told the Jews, That they did search the Scriptures that did testifie of him, and in which they did think to have eternal life; but (sayes he) you will not come to me that you may have life; I receive not honor from men (sayes he) I desire not that you should come to me as to give honour as from men, but that you would come that you might have life; but I know you, that you have not the love of God abiding in you: this he spoke to the Jews, that he said had not his word abiding in them, yet they searched the Scriptures, who did not believe in him, though he did many Miracles amongst them yet they persecuted him, and sought to kill him, and took up stones to stone him, who is given for a Covenant to the People, and for a Light to the Gentiles, that he may be the salvation to the ends of the Earth: And this is the new and Everlasting Covenant, the promise of God the Father, who hath said, Is it a light thing that though should raise up the Tribes unto Jacob, and restore again the preserved of Israel? with whom the Lord hath said, I will make a new Covenant, I will write my Law in their hearts, and put my spirit in their inward parts; and by this Spirit and Light doth God teach his People himself; and all that comes to the leading and teaching of this Spirit, comes to the knowledge of the Lord, which shall cover the Earth, even as the waters covers the Sea; and to this Light did the Apostle turn people from the Darkness, and from the Power of Satan unto God. And by the nature of this Divine Light, did the Gentiles the things contained in the Law, which shewed the Work of the Law (of the spirit) written in their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness in the day when God shall judge the secrets of Men by Jesus Christ, according to the Gospel: And here the Apostle doth justifie the Gentiles, in that he saith, Not the hearers of the Law are justified, but the doers; and their uncircumcision, which did the Law, he accounted circumcision, and said to the Jews, Shall not their uncircumcision judge your circumcision, which breaks the Law; & he further saith, We are of the true circumcision, who worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh; for he is not a Jew that is one outward, neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew which is one inward-ly, and that is circumcision that is of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the Letter, who praise is not of men, but of god, Rom. 2. And this is the seal of the everlasting Covenant, that takes away the foreskin of the heart, and washes away the filth of the flesh; and here the knowledge of the true God is manifested in man, where God shews it unto him, according to the Apostles Doctrine, Rom.I.9.

And when Paul came to Mars-Hill, and saw the Athenians Altar, with the inscription upon it, to the unknown God, he said, God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of

Heaven and Earth, he dwelleth not in Temples made with hands, neither is he worshipped with mens hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life and breath, and all things, and hath made of one blood all Nations of men, to dwell on the face of the Earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation, that they should seek the Lord if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us, for in him we live, move, & have our being Act.17.24. Here the Apostle did not lead them out to the Writings and Records of others without them, but he brought them to him in whom they did live, and move, and had their being, that so they might feel after him, and find him; for he said, He was not far from every one of them; and he brought them off the outward Temple which was made with hands, and said to the Corinthians, Ye are the Temple of the living God, as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them, I will be their God, and they shall be my People; and he that defiles the Temple of god, him will God destroy; for the Temple of God is holy whose Temple are ye; and what, know ye not that your bodyes are the Temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of god, and ye are not your own, but you are bought with a price; therefore glorifie him in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Here the Apostle clearly demonstrates, that the bodies of God's People are his Temple, and God is the Spirit that is in them; and this is the Teacher and Preacher, which the Apostle turns and brings People to, whom he teaches; he told the Romans that the righteousness of Faith speaketh on this wife, Say not in thy heart who shall ascend, or descend; but what faith is? The word is very nigh thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart, and that is the word of Faith that we preach, faith the Apostle, (mark) How then (faith he) shall ye call on him on whom ye have not believed? And how shall ye believe on him of whom ye not have heard? And how shall ye hear without a preacher? For Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. And this is the Word which the Apostle preached, which is nigh, in the heart; which word opens the blind eye, and unstops the deaf ear; and they cannot hear without this Word of Faith, by hearing of which, Faith comes; and none can hear without this Preacher, who is sent to bring glad tidings of good things; but this is not the Preachers of the letter of the Scriptures without them, for they have preached many hundreds of years, but the deaf ears are not unstopped yet, nor the Blind eyes opened by their Preaching; and so the Scripture is now fulfilled which the Prophet I say spake of, who faith, Bring forth the blind People that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears; And again he faith, They have Eyes, and see not, Ears, and hear not, hearts, and do not understand. Isa.43.10. And the Lord faith, I will lay waste Mountains and Hills, and dry up all their Herbs; and I will make their Rivers Islands, and I will dry up the Pools; and I will bring the blind by a way they knew not, and pathes which they have not seen; I will make darkness Light before them, and rough wayes plain, and crooked things streight; them that comes into this Path and Way, must come from the blind Teachers of the World; who are Leaders of the blind, and keeps people in blindness and ignorance of God, and his Truth, who denies the Light to be sufficient Teacher, which is the Eye of the whole body, & if this Eye be single, the body is full of Light; But with this eye they do not see, neither can they believe the Truth if it be declared unto them, except they come to the Light that doth manifest it in them. Now the Apostle Peter directed those that he wrote to , to a more sure Word of Prophesie then that which he heard in the Mount, 2 Pet. 1.19. Which voice he did not know that it was within him; and therefore he directed them to a more sure Word then that was which he heard in the Mount, which Word was a Word of Prophesie, where unto he said, they did well that they took heed, as unto a light that shined in a dark place, until the day dawned, & the day-star arose in their hearts; this testimony of Jesus, the which is the spirit of Prophesie: This the Teachers of the World brings to blind people with, & saith it the Scripture that the Apostle speaks of. Now let any that

have but common reason judge, whether the Apostle was like to say, That the Scriptures were a more sure word, then the Voice of God that was heard in the Mount, which said, This is my beloved Son, hear ye him; and that the Scriptures should be a light shining in a dark place, and that the Scriptures should be the day dawning, and the day-star arising in the heart: If people would but look into things, they might see their deceivableness; for the Apostle goes on with these words, saying, Knowing this first, that no Prophesie of the Scripture is of any private interpretation; for the Prophesie came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Here the Apostle dissuades them from looking at the Scriptures to be of any private Interpretation, or coming by the will of man, which is their whole work, to give their Meanings and Interpretations in their own Wills unto, which is wholly contrary to the Apostles Exhortation and Doctrine, who said, We have not followed cunning devised Fables, when we made known unto you the Power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were Eye-witnesses of his Majesty. And the Apostle Paul who was raised up by the Power, Spirit, and Voice of the Lord, who said, Arise and stand upon thy feet, for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a Minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in which I will appear unto thee, delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, to whom I now send thee to open the blind eyes, and to turn them from Darkness to the Light, Act. 26. And the Apostle goeth on bearing his testimony, having obtained the help of God, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other thing then that which the Prophets and Moses did say should come that Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew Light unto the people, and to the Gentiles. And this was the Witness and the Testimony which the Apostle held forth, who was a Minister of God. But these Teachers of the World deny and gain-says this Doctrine; and the Apostle saith, Therefore seeing we have this Ministry, as we have received Mercy, we faint not, but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the Minstration of the Truth, commanding ourselves to every mans conscience in the sight of God, 2 Cor. 9. I. And if our Gospel be hid, it is hid from them that are lost, in whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, least the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the Image of God, should shine unto them: See here, and behold how the Apostle recommended himself to every mans conscience in the sight of god; yet his Gospel might be hid to them that were lost, and was from the Light, and would not believe, which the god of the world had blinded their minds, least the Light should shine unto them; and so it is the same still, our Gospel is hid unto such as believe not in the Light; For God who commanded the Light to shine out of the darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of god, in the face of Jesus Christ; 2 Cor. 2. I. 3. 9. And if the Light of Christ shine not in their hearts, our Gospel is hid. And again he saith, Ye were Sometimes darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, walk as children of the Light; for all things that are reproved, are made manifest by the light; Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and stand up, that Christ may give thee light, Eph. 5. And this is the Message which the Apostle did declare, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all; and if we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lye, and do not the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanseth us from all sin, I John I. 5. This is the Message of the Minister of God; and the Apostle gave thanks unto God the Father which had made them meet to be partakers of the Inheritance, with the Saints in light, who had delivered them from the power of darkness, and had translated them into the Kingdom of his dear Son. This is not a new Doctrine, though it may seem so to many; because this Mystery hath been hid, and the Spirit of god which opens this Mystery, erred from, and turned from, by those that have been

Teachers of people; and not onely so, but even their Doctrine hath been, and now is, That none must look for, nor expect Revelation nor Inspiration by the Spirit of god; and so they do what in them lyes, to stop this Current of Life and Spirit, which Christ Jesus the Fountain of all life hath set open, who in the last day of the Feast stood up and said, If any may be a-thirst, let him come unto me, and drink; He that believeth on me, out of his belly shall flow Rivers of living Waters. And this he spake of the Spirit which these Teachers of the world would stop; the pourings of which Spirit is unlimited to Son or Daughter, Jew or Gentile, Barbarian, Scythian, Bond, or Free, Time or Place, or Condition, but according to the good pleasure of his will, who is the Author and the fountain of it; and all that are Ministers of God, and of the Spirit, it is their joy and desire that people grow into the Light of Life; for they that are in the Light, the day of destruction shall not overtake them as a Thief, who are Children of the Light, and of the Day; and this is the desire of all the faithful in Christ Jesus, That they dwell and abide in the Light, where the fellowship is one with another, and where the power of God preserves and keeps from the pollutions of the World, and temptations of Satan; which Power is made manifest the appearing of Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought Life and Immortality to light through the Gospel, whose Immortality dwells in the Light, where the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb is the Temple, 2 Tim I. 10. And here the City comes to be known which hath no need of the Sun, nor of the Moon, to shine in it, for the glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof, and all the Nations of them that are saved shall walk in the light of it, and the Kings of the Earth shall bring their glory and honor to it, and the glory of the Nations shall come unto it, and there shall in no wise enter into it that which defiles, neither that which worketh abomination, or maketh a lye, but they which are written in the Lambs book of life, Rev. 21. This is the great work which the Lord is working in this his Day, and the spiritual Building which he is rearing and setting up; and he hath put his hand to the work; and when he worketh, who can let it? Who hath resisted his Will? Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or been his Counsellor? Or taught him? Of whom took he Counsel? Or who instructed and taught him knowledge, and shewed him the way of understanding? Behold, the Nations are but as the drop of a Bucket, & as the small dust of the Ballance before him he taketh the Isles as a very little thing, Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, and the Beast thereof for a Burnt-offerings; it is he that sitteth upon the Circle of the Earth, and the Inhabitants thereof are as grashoppers; By his Spirit he will remove the great Mountains of the Earth, and they shall become a Plain, and he will bring forth the head-stone, and lay it a top of all; for the stone which is cut out of the Mountain without hands, breaks in pieces the Image, and will become a great Mountain, and the Kingdom which shall never be destroyed, (and shall not be left to other people, but will break in pieces, and consume all Kingdoms) this is arising, and the ancient of Dayes is coming to sit in Judgement in the Saints of the Most High; and the Kingdomes of the world is becoming the Kingdomes of the Lord and of his Christ; and the little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a great Nation. Dan 7. chap. And the Lord of Hosts will hasten it in his time; so it is in vain to stand against the God of Heaven, or to resist his work which he hath begun in the Earth, which he is working, and will work by the Spirit, in this his day of Power he will make all his people willing and subject to him, & every knee must bow to him, and every tongue confess to God; for the first Adam was made a living soul, but the second is the Lord from Heaven, a quickning spirit which doth quicken and raise up the just unto the resurrection of Life, and he is made manifest in his people to destroy the works of the Devil, which he hath wrought in the disobedient part of man, and so brought the first Adam into the fall, and so under the Curse, that the very Earth is cursed for his sake; but Christ Jesus, which the Apostle saw made a little lower then Angels; for the suffering of death, through which he hath wrought the Redemption of man Heb. 2. 6. Into a blessed and happy, & perfect condition; Though the Priests and Teachers of the World makes it

their Work to destroy this Work of Redemption of the Son of God, who redeems out of sin and all evil, and from a vain conversation, to serve the living God in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter, which redeems from the Earth; and from the pollutions of the world, and from all unrighteousness, all those that believe on him, and trust in him, and obey him, and wait for him, unto them shall he come the second time without sin unto salvation; but this is a Mystery, which cannot be believed, by the dark and ignorant sinning and transgressing Ministry and Professors of the Nations, which lyes wallowing in their sins and uncleanness, and drink up iniquity as the Ox drinketh Waters; these that are filling up their measure of iniquity, and are wholly covered with the power of darkness, these cannot see how it is possible that ever any should get out of this state and condition, being that they are quite ignorant of their Redeemer living in them, and so goes about to perswade all people of an impossibility of being freed from sin, but that they must sin all the dayes of their lives, and so keeps people in the fall, in the transgression, under the curse, & death is the reward of sins; and so these Ministers are the Ministers of death: But Christ Jesus redeems from under the Curse, and from under the Bondage of sin and corruption, which all the Creation hath long groaned under, & waits for the blessed liberty of the Sons and Children of God, Glory & honour be unto his holy Name for ever, who hath sent his only begotten Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin the flesh; for as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one, shall many be made righteous: But this the disobedient will never know, who turns from, and disobeys the one that should make them righteous: and here are all the Priests and Teachers, and Professors of the world, in the disobedience, erred from the Spirit, in the Transgression, and in the sin; and so teaching all people to be sinners, as they can do no otherwise, who are not Ministers of the Light of Christ, nor turns not people to the Light of Christ, in whom is no sin who hath said, Except a man be born again of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. Now that which is born of the Spirit, is Spirit, and this enters the Kingdom; For it is the spirit that quickens, the flesh profiteth nothing; The words that I speak unto you, (saith Christ) they are spirit, and they are life's but there were some that believed not: Now those that deny the Light of the Spirit of Life, they know little of the pourings forth of the Spirit, or of the Manifestation of the Spirit of God, which he hath given to every one to profit withall; but the Ministers of the Letter, and of darkness, which have erred from the Spirit, and endeavours to keep all people back from the teaching, and leading, and guiding of the spirit, they do not profit with it, but hides their talent in the Earth, and counts the Lord a hard Master; therefore he must needs take it from them, and give it unto those that have profited with it; this is witnessed, and manifested, and seen with those that have eyes in this day; The Apostles spake as the Spirit gave them utterance, and their preaching was not with the enticing words of mans wisdom, but in the power and demonstration of the Spirit, not according to the wisdom of the world; but he spake the wisdom of God in a Mystery, even the hidden wisdom which God had revealed unto him by his Spirit, which Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God: Therefore its good for every one to have a true Testimony of this Eternal Spirit; which believes not every spirit, but tries them, whether they be of God, and proves all things, and holds fast that which is good; and he that lays his Foundation here, he builds not his House on the Sand, but on the Rock, on which the whole Church is built, which is in god, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and Pillar and Ground of Truth; And when the wind blows, the storms and the Tempests beats, this House will stand; for they that are joyned to the Lord, are one Spirit with him, and of one heart and soul; if they were ten thousand, they are all one, and all of one, who are begotten and born, and brought forth, and sanctified by one Spirit; and here is the Mystery of the fellowship of the Gospel, which is in the unity of the Spirit, which is the bond of peace. And this is not a shaddow, nor a vanishing fading thing; but this is a substance that proceeds from the living God,

and returns unto him; by which Spirit he is made known unto the sons of men, and by which spirit he words and creates in Christ Jesus unto Righteousness and true Holiness; for by one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body, who have been made to drink all into one Spirit, whether Jews or Gentiles, Bond or Free; if they come into this Spirit which makes, and unites, and knits together, they are all one; for the body is not one member, but many; but they that denies this Spirit, and the teaching thereof, are not of this body, nor do not drink of this Cup of the New Testament; but they are drinking of the Cup of Fornication and Idolatry; for the Apostle said, They could not sit at the Lords Table, and the Table of Devils; and they could not drink the Cup of the Lord, and the Cup of Devils; and so they that drink not of the Cup of the Spirit [new] in the Kingdom, let them read in their own bosomes what they are drinking of.

The Apostle said, that the Corinthians were manifestly declared to be the Epistle of Christ ministred by him; written not with Ink, but with the spirit of the living God; not in Tables of stone, but in the fleshly Tables of the heart. Here is the Ministration manifested by them that are ministers of the spirit of the living God, who reach unto that of god in the hearts of people; and the same Spirit in people answers to the anointing which is in them, which they received, even the Unction of the holy One; and such need not that any man should teach them, but as the same anointing teacheth them, which is truth, and no lye, I Joh. 2. 27. But this is not the Ministration of the Letter, but of the Spirit; for the Letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life, 2 Cor. 3. For the Apostle was made an able Minister of the New Testament, whose Ministration was more glorious then the Law, which was written in Tables of stone; and he saith, The Lord is the Spirit, which Spirit is written in the fleshly Tables of the heart, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty, and all that are the Sons of God, are led and guided by the spirit of God, Rom. 8.

According to the apostles words, who said, Because ye are sons, god hath sent forth the spirit of his son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father, Gal. 4. 6. And we through the spirit, wait for the hope of righteousness by the Faith and who walks and abides in the spirit doth not fulfil the lust of the flesh; for the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary the one to the other, Ga. 5. 5. And this is the Teacher, Leader and Guider of God's People who are called to be Saints, & sanctified in Christ Jesus, through the obedience of the spirit which subdues, & brings down, & subjecteth under in man and woman, that which is contrary; it working and operating in the inward man, and putting on, and adorning the heart with a meek, and with a quiet spirit, which is with the Lord of great price: This is precious in the sight of the Lord, when the spirit beautifies with salvation, and sanctifies the heart to the Lord by its powerful working, here the Lord is glorified in his Saints; and this eternal Spirit, and Substance, and Word, which is quick and powerful, sharper then any two-edged Sword, which separates betwixt the precious and the vile, betwixt the holy and profane, piercing to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joynts and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart, Heb. 4. 12. This is the sure Teacher that layeth a true Foundation, on which the Prophets and Apostles are built, the corner-stone, which all the wise Builders have disallowed and set at nought, which is now become the head of our Corner; glory & honor be to the Highest for ever, according to Christs words, who saith, did you not read in the Scripture, The Stone which all the Builders [rejected] and set at nought, the same is become the Head of the Corner, [Luke 20:17]; this is the Lords doings, and is marvelous in our eyes; and whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder, Matth. 21. 42, 49. And Peter saith, That it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief Corner-stone, elect and precious; and he that believeth on him, shall not be confounded; unto you therefore which believes he is precious; but unto them who are disobedient, the Stone which the Builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the

Corner, and stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them that stumble at the Word, being disobedient; this is the Stone and Word that all the disobedient stumbles at; Jews and Gentiles that will not come to the Light which Christ Jesus (who is the light of men) hath enlightened them withall; the obedience of the Light of Christ Jesus, is the obedience to the Cross of Christ, the preaching of which (the Apostle saith) it was to the Jews a stumbling-block, and to the Greeks foolishness; but unto all, both Jews and Greeks, it is Christ the Power of god, and the wisdom of God, I Cor. I. The Light and the Power of god, is the Cross of Christ; this the Apostle did not preach with the wisdom of Words, least the Crosse of Christ should become of none effect, which is unto all that are saved, the Power of God; and he saith, After that in the wisdom of god, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of Preaching, to save them that believe: this is the wisdom of God, and the Way of God, not to teach people by that which man's Wisdom teacheth; and that which man's dark heart invents and imagines, & studies out of his brain, but by that which the Holy Ghost teacheth in this his day in which he is risen in his Eternal Spirit; and they that can believe in this foolishness of preaching, are saved; and they that cannot believe, to them this Gospel is hid, because that the foolishness of God is wiser then men, and the weakness of God is stronger then men, who hath said, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nought the understanding of the prudent; for God hath chosen the foolish things of the worlds, to confound the things that are mighty, that no flesh might glory in his presence, but in him: This is the Will, and Way, and Work of the Lord, by which he teacheth his people, and so they have access by one spirit unto God the Father, Jews and Gentiles, Barbarians, Scithians, Bond and Free if they come unto Christ Jesus the Light and Life, and everlasting Covenant, which is given to be the salvation unto the ends of the Earth, which was offered up by the Eternal Spirit one for all. Eph. 2. 18. All people which comes unto this Eternal Spirit which is in them, of what sort soever, if they come to this Light, Covenant, and Spirit, they are all one in Christ Jesus, and if they be Christs, then are they Abrahams Seeds, and Heirs according to promise. All that doth endeavour to keep the Unity in the Spirit, and Bond of Peace, is strengthened by this Spirit in the Inner-man; & the eyes of their Understanding comes to be enlightened, & they do come to comprehend with all Saints, the height, and the breadth, and the depth of the love of god, which passeth knowledge and is a mystery to the wise Rabbis of the World, and all the disobedient ones, that will not stoop to the Light of Christ, and his Power & cross in them, but will live in the liberty of the flesh, where they may exercise their fleshly liberty, Pride and ambition, Superfluity of Naughtiness, vain Glory and Arrogancy, Voluptuousness, Pomp and Vanity of the World, all which are of the first man, fallen from God, and is of the Earth, earthly, which the cross of Christ, which is the power of God is to crucifie the affections and the lusts thereof, the World, and the flesh, and the Devil, who is obedient and faithful to the Witness and Testimony of the living God in them, and to its Guiding, and Leading, and Teaching; puts off the old man and his deeds, and puts on the new man, Christ Jesus, who is created after god in righteousness and true holiness, and so comes to be renewed in the spirit of their minds, and to have their consciences cleansed, and their bodies washed with pure water, Eph. 5. And so they bring forth the fruits of the spirit, which are in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, yea, joy, love, peace. Long-suffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, and temperance; And against such there is no Law; who are in this state, keeps the Law, and breaks it not, and are in the Love, which fulfils it, and one with the Justice, Equity, and Righteousness of it, which was added because of transgression: And where there is no transgression, there is no need of a Law, nor the Law is not against such. But we find little of those fruits of the Spirit in the World (which cannot receive the Spirit of Truth) amongst all Professors, Priests and Teachers thereof; this is the Mark which Christ hath set us to try the false Prophets by; he saith, By their fruits shall you know them, who gets the sheeps clothing, (the Scriptures) but

inwardly are ravening wolves: We have found the Priests, Professors and Teachers of these Nations, to minister Persecution and Cruelty to us, as the Prisons and goals of these Nations may bear (and have born) testimony. And another Mark that Christ gave of the false Prophets to know them by, was when all men should speak well of them, for so did their Fathers of the false Prophets; Now let all people judge, whether this be not the condition of the Priests and Teachers at this day; for they bear rule by their means, and yet the people love to have it so; but what will they do in the end thereof, when God comes with his overflowing scourge, and breaks the Covenant with Death, and the agreement with Hell, and sweep away the Refuge of Lyes? Matth. 7. Which many hundreds of years have been their strength; but god is coming to overturn them, & to confound them, & to cut down the fruitless trees that brings not forth good fruit, and doth manifest that the evil Tree cannot bring forth good fruit; for men do not gather Grapes of Thorns, nor Figs of Thistles; for the best of them have been but as a bryar, & the most upright of them as a Thorn-Hedge, as many will come to see then their eyes comes to be opened; and they shall be as a bowed wall, and as a tottering fence, Psal. 62. Let but the honest and the godly hearted judge betwixt them and us, whether their fruits are not the fruits of the flesh, which the apostle saith (Gal. 5. 17.) are these, Adultery, Fornication, Uncleanliness, Lasciviousness, Idolatry, Witchcraft, Hatred, Variance, Emulation, Wrath, Strife, Seditions, Heresies, Envyings, Murthers, Drunkenness, Revilings, Inordinate affections, evil Concupiscence, Covetousness which is Idolatry, Anger, Malice, Blasphemy, filthy communication, Effeminateness, and abusers of themselves with mankind, Revellings, Banquetings, Excesse of Wine, and abominable Idolaters, Filthinesse, foolish jesting and talking which is not convenient, Col. 3. 8. I Cor. 6. 9. And let the upright judge, whether they be not lovers of themselves, covetous boasters, proud blasphemers, unthankful, unholy, disobedient to Parents, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false Accusers, Incontinent, fierce despisers of them that are good, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of god, having a form of godliness, but denying the Power, and from such (the Apostle exhorts the people to) turn away, 2 Tim. 1. 3. Now the Reader may judge it to be harsh, or censoriousness in charging all these fruits of the flesh upon the Teachers and Ministers of the World, many of which they would seem to evade; but this I say further for the Information of the Reader, that they are Ministers of Darknesse, and not Ministers of the Light, but denyes the Light, both the Minister from, and to Minister to; which the Ministers of god were Ministers of the Light, and the Message that they brought, was, That God was Light, and in him was no darknesse at all, 1 Joh. 1. 1. And Paul was made an able Minister of the New-Testament, not of the Letter, but of the Spirit; and he turned People from the darkness to the light, and from the power of Satan unto God, who is light, in which whosoever walks, the blood of Jesus Christ his Son, cleanseth him from all sin. Now these Ministers & Teachers of the World, whose Ministry stands in the darkness where all sin is committed, and all the fruits of the flesh acted, these cannot clear themselves from none of the things before mentioned, for they stand in that ground which brings forth the fruits of the flesh; and therefore is their Doctrine altogether for sin, and against perfection and cleansing, and preacheth frequently that none can be free from sin while they are upon the earth; for they are guilty in their hearts and consciences, that they sin continually, & so with their blind dark minds they can never see that any can be cleansed or redeemed from sin, which is wholly contrary to the Apostles Doctrine, who saith, that Christ was manifest to take away sin, whosoever abideth in him, sinneth not; whosoever sinneth, hath not seen him, neither known him; he that committeth sin, is of the Devil; whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for his Seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God; in this is the children of god manifest, and the children of the Devil, 1 Joh. 3. And now Reader, do but in soberness weigh those things according to the truth of the Scriptures, & this will take away the prejudice, & remove the Objection which might

arise in thy mind concerning the fruits of the flesh applyed to the Teachers and Professors. And all that desire after godliness, & the Truth as it is in Jesus, they must turn from them that hath the Form, & denies the Power, who brings forth the fruits before-mentioned; for as many as receives Christ Jesus, (the Light) to them he gives power to become the Sons of God. It is the word of his Power by which all things were created, by which he upholds all things; and it is his power that brings his seed out of bondage, & out of the house of darkness: and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which the Apostle was not ashamed of to preach, is the power of god unto salvation, unto every one that believes, to the Jew first, & also to the Greek; and this Treasure the Apostle had in an earthen vessel, that the excellency of the Power might be of God: and here was the Apostles Doctrine established, in the mighty power of god, whereof (saith he) I was made a Minister according to the gift of the Grace of God given unto me, by the effectual working of his Power, that so he might know the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings: but this is a Mystery, and unknown to the Teachers & Ministers of the letter, who are in forms & appearances, without the Power, & in the ordinations of men, & receives their approbation from men & are made Ministers by men, these deny and resist the Power & Spirit the Apostles were made Ministers of, & even denies immediate Revelation, & saith it is ceased, & so denies the gift of Gods grace which hath appeared unto all men, to teach the denying of ungodliness & allworldly lusts, & teacheth (all that doth obey it, & follow it) to live godly, righteously, & soberly in this present evil world. And so those Teachers endeavours to limit the spirit of the living God to Times & Persons, which cannot be limited; and saith, we must not look for it now, as in the Apostles time; we must look to the Scripture, & not to the spirit for Revelation; & so blasphemeth the God of Heaven, & gainsays his Truth, & the revelation of the Son of God, who said, The Father was a Spirit, & they that worship him, must worship him in spirit & in truth, & he was seeking for such worshippers to worship him, & who hath said, There is none that knows the Son but the father, neither doth any man know the Father save the Son, and he to whom the son reveals him. And so these Teachers that denies Revelation, & the Spirits teaching, doth not desire that the Son should be known by the Fathers drawing; for there is none that can come to the Son, except the Father draw him; neither is it possible for them to bring people to the knowledge of the Father who denies Revelation, being there is none that knows the Father save the Son, & he to whom the Son reveals him; so the infinite mercy & wisdom of the Lord God hath hid these things from them, & hath revealed them unto the faithful & obedient, who walks in his Light, & keeps in it, where the revelation is manifested; & so Christ Jesus saw great cause of thanking the Father, the Lord of Heaven and Earth, that he had hid those things from the wise & prudent, & had revealed them unto Babes, children of the Light, which were begotten into the Light, & were translated into it, & made one with it, & abode in the Anointing which they received in the beginning, they had fellowship with the Son & with the Father; he that believes on the Son, hath everlasting life; he that believeth not on the Son, shall not see life; for the Father loveth the Son, & sheweth him all things that he doth; For as the Father raiseth up the dead, & quickneth them, even to the Son quickneth whom h[e] will; & who believes in the Light, and walks in the light of the Son of God, is quickned by him, & hath the Father revealed to him, not in Parables, but he doth shew him plainly of the Father; for he hath committed all judgment to the son, that all men might honor the Son, as they honor the Father; he that honoreth not the Son, honoreth not the Father that hath sent him; he that believeth not in the light of the Son of God, he honoreth not the Son; & he whose mind is not turned unto the Light of God in him, he knows not the Son, nor him that sent him; Jesus cryed and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me; he that seeth me, seeth him that sent me. I am come a Light into the World, that whosoever believeth on me, should not abide in darkness: Mark here now, Christ's Words; He that sees him to be the light come into the world,

sees him that sent him; & he that believes in Christ that is come a light into the world, believes on him that sent him; and he that believes on Christ Jesus who is come a Light into the world, abides not in the darkness, but hath the Light of life; this is the great Work of God that every one believe on him that God hath sent; & he that believeth on him, hath the witness and testimony of him in himself; & he that knows not that Christ is in him, is a Reprobate; And this is the will of him that sent me (saith Christ) that everyone that seeth the son, may have everlasting life, & I will raise him up at the last Day: This is the portion and reward which the true believers receive from him who is the resurrection and the life, he that believes on him, though he was dead, yet shall he live, and he that lives and believes, shall never dye; (He that can receive it, let him.) This was a Mystery unto Martha: Jesus saith, No man can come unto me except the Father (which hath sent me) draw him; It is written in the Prophets (saith he) They shall be all taught of God; every man therefore, that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. So here now every one whose eye is single, may see, that none can come but whom the Father draws, and they that are taught of God, comes to the Son, which he hath given a light into the world; and this is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE; & no man comes to the Father but by him; And in not other way, nor by no other Name under Heaven shall any one be saved, but by him, and he is able to save to the utmost all those that comes unto God by him, and not other Foundation can any man lay, then this which is already laid; but let every one take heed how he builds thereon; & he which preacheth another Gospel, let him be accurst; for this is the rock and Foundation on which the whole Church is built, CHRIST JESUS the LIGHT, and precious Stone, which Jews & Gentiles that are saved, are built on; for he is their Peace who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of Partition which was between, for through him we have doth an access to the Father, & are built up on the Foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, JESUS CHRIST himself being the chief Cornerstone, in whom all the Building fitly framed together, groweth unto a holy people in the Lord, who are builded together for an habitation of God, through the spirit; Here is the great Work of the Mystery of God, which he is working in this his day, whose Tabernacle is with men, and the Most High dwells in the Kingdoms of men, he whose delight is with the sons of men, is arisen, and wisdom lifteth up her voice, and cries, Oh ye simple ones, understand wisdom; & ye fools, be of an understanding heart; unto you, O men, I call, and my voice is to the Sons of men. CHRIST JESUS is coming to reign, & the Scepter of his righteousness which is a right Scepter, will he sway the Nations with; & those his enemies that will not that he should reign, must even be broke, and bound, and slain before him; therefore it is good for all people to hear his voice, and to turn at his reproof, and to hearken diligently to the Word that is night in the heart, & to encline their ears that their souls might live; there is a Word that saith, this is the way; which way is for the wayfaring man; this TEACHER will never more be removed into a corner; but their eyes must see their Teacher; this WAY which hath long been hid and hedged up, Now hath the Lord opened and made manifest in this his Day, and the Law and the Testimony which was sealed among the Disciplines, is now opened, and the Word that speaks according to the Light is now revealed, & the Light is shining in the consciences of men, and they are children of the Light, and of the Day, walks in it, and it shines in their hearts, and gives them the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, the express Image of the Invisible God, the first-born of every creature; and this cleanseth and purgeth the conscience from dead works, to serve the living God; & in this every one may draw near in full assurance of Faith, having their hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and their bodies washed with pure water; but it was impossible that the blood of Bulls and Goats should take away sin; but this man after he had offered one sacrifice for sin, sate down at the right hand of God, expecting till his enemies be made his footstool; Which the high Priests that went before him, were daily offring the same Sacrifice which could never take away sin, nor make

perfect as appertaining to the conscience; yet by one offering, Christ Jesus the everlasting High Priest, hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified; this is he that doth the will, who said, In the volume of thy book it is written of me, Lo I come to do thy will, O God; by which Will we are sanctified, whereof the Holy Ghost is a witness to us; for after that he said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them, After these days (saith the Lord) I will put my Law in their hearts; and in their minds, I will write them; Here the Apostle witnesseth the holy Ghost to be the Witness & Testimony of Gods truth in the promise of the new Covenant of the Law written in the heart, & of the spirit putting in the inward parts; Now these that denies the spirit of God which gives testimony and witness of his everlasting Covenant, are strangers to this life, & Aliens to the Common wealth of Israel; for the Covenant of Promise is to the elect Seed of Abraham; not of the Bond-woman, but of the Free; not of the SEEDS, which are many, but of ONE, which is CHRIST, that is Elect according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience, & sprinkling of the blood of Christ, who doth purifie their souls in obeying the Truth, through the spirit; For this cause is the Gospel preached, that they may be judg'd according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit; this is the chief end of the Ministry of the GOSPEL, which is GLAD-TYDINGS to the Poor, LIBERTY to the Captive, but JUDGEMENT to him that hath captivated the Seed, till that be dead which hath held the Seed in bondage; and until the enmity be slain, and the middle wall of Partition taken away, and of twain, made one new man; this is the Ministration of the everlasting Gospel; for Christ also hath once suffered, being put to death in the flesh, but quickned in the spirit, by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; & he that is annointed to preach glad tydings to the poor, and liberty to the Captives, is now preaching to the spirits in prison, & binding up the broken hearted, and raising up them that are fallen' and he is enlightening the blind eyes and unstopping the deaf ears, & opening the Prison-doors, and bringing the Prisoners forth of the Prison houses, so that the Prisoners of hope doth rejoice, that have been in the pit which is without water; For Christ calls, Come unto me every one that is weary and heavy laden, & they shall find rest for their souls, who will make his yoake upon them, which is easie, & his burthen, which is light, to the obedient, and to the faithful, which are subected unto him, & & waits for Him, they that love him, and keep his Commandments, who saith, He that hath my Commandments, & keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; & he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father, & I will love him, & will manifest my self unto him: Here is an Infinite reward, which wil even satisfie the Eternal & Immortal soul, which nothing can satisfie but the living God, who saith, If any love me, & keep my words, my Father will love him and we shall come unto him, & make our abode with him; Here the COMFORTER, which is the Holy Ghost, which proceeds from the Father & the Son, is manifested, which doth teach all things, & brings all thinge to remembrance; & this is the Inheritance which the Saints in Light are made partakers of, even the spirit of Truth which the world cannot receive, which leads into all truth all them which do obey and follow the leading, & guiding, & teaching of it: The Apostle desired that Timothy might know how he ought to behave himself in the house of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of Truth; And without controversie (saith he) great is the Mystery of godliness, GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH, justified in the spirit, seen of Angels, &c. This mystery I have endeavoured in part to open, according to the Scriptures: and if any come to the Key of DAVID which opens this mystery, they will see the Truth of it, and seal to it in that measure of the Spirit which god hath given to every one to profit withall; For unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will; and he that is faithful in the little, is made Ruler over much: And so this is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE; and ever one that doth set at nought this, and resist this, let his blood be upon his own head. Now let the Reader by what is here

written, seriously search, examine, and try by the Scriptures, and the measure of the Spirit of god in him, who are the true Prophets, and the false; and who are the true Teachers, and who are the false, and what is the true Worship of God, and the false; And let him venture his soul, as he dare answer before a just & Righteous God.

From a true Lover of the so[ull]s of all people, and who desires the good of all, and that all might come to the knowledge of the Truth. M. F.